Indigenous missiles for Indian Defence

*173. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is testing air-to-air missiles and air-to-surface and anti-ship missiles through indigenous technology adopted by our scientists; and

(b) if so, by when missiles are likely to be added in our Indian Defence system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) DRDO is working on a variety of missile development programmes based on indigenous technology. These include surface-to-surface missile PRITHVI, Surface-to-air Anti missile missile and air-to-surface missile TRISHUL, medium range surface-to-air AKASH and third generation Anti-tank missile NAG. Many of these missiles are now under test. There are, also, others where feasibility and concepts are now being worked out and tested at our laboratories. It is premature at this stage to give out details of these tests.

(b) They are expected to be inducted into the Services during the 90's.

Activities of terrorists in U.K. and Canada

*174. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the U.K. Government to take more strict measures to deal with terrorist activities in U.K. on the lines of Canada Government, if so, what is the response thereto; and

(b) whether assurances were given in this regard by the visiting British Minister of State in Foreign and Commonwealth office, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has impressed upon the U.K. authorities that they should take all possible measures, including preventive, to curb anti-Indian terrorism in the U.K.

During his recent visit to India, Lord Glenarthur, the U.K. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Relations, mentioned his Government's committee to curb terrorism by punishing all those who violate British laws.

'No War Pact' offer by the President of Pakistan

*175. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Pakistan has extended his offer to India for a 'No war pact' during the month of March, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) No details were given in these reports.

(c) India has offered to sign a Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation with Pakistan. Discussions on a comprehensive treaty between

the two countries are continuing. Differences persist on some important aspects of the proposed treaty.

Replacement of rangers by the regular Pakistan's army along the border

*176. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the "Indian Express", dated the 18th April, 1988 to the effect that regular Pakistan's army units are replacing the rangers along the International border between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistani military movement has increased along the border recently after the patrolling by the B.S.F. Jawans was intensified to check the entry of Pakistani intruders and the terrorists;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Barring media reports, Government have no information suggesting the replacement of Pakistan Rangers by regular Army units or of any unusual increase in military movements across the international border.

(d) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our security and take appropriate measures from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Compensation to the families of Indian Nationals killed/injured in Iraq-Iran war

*177. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 709 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1987 and state:

(a) the number and details of the pending cases for which compensation has been settled by insurance companies, respective governments, so far in cases involving Indian Nationals in Iraq/Iran war;

(b) the details of the cases which are yet to be settled and together with the reasons in each case;

(c) the number of Indian nationals died in Iran-Iraq war since then together with the details in each case; and

(d) whether compensation has been paid in each case, if not, what are the reasons and the stage in which each case is presently pending for final settlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Study of Himalayan Glaciers

*178. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high priority has been accorded to Antarctica development than to intensive study of Himalayan glaciers and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of seminars, national and international that have been organized for furthering the studies, knowledge of Antarctica and Himalayas, specially glaciers, the most important of perennial source of water which is now in serious short supply?